

For his dedication to Scouting, Doug Simmons has received numerous awards, including the Scouters Key, the Scouters Training Award, the Silver Bear, and the Silver Beaver.

In addition to his direct involvement in Scouting, Doug has worked with the young men in his church while serving in various ecclesiastical offices. Among these positions have been bishop, bishop's counselor and deacon quorum advisor.

Mr. Speaker, our nation needs more citizens who are willing to stand up for the values that have made America great. We need more individuals who are dedicated to improving the lives and circumstances of the people around them. We need more of our young people to participate in character-building and community-building activities. We need more responsible adults to take an active role in caring for and guiding the youth of this country. In short, we need more people like Doug Simmons.

I salute both Doug and the institution he loves so dearly, The Boy Scouts of America. As he now commemorates his 50 years of involvement with the Boy Scouts of America, let us honor all Doug Simmons' contributions to advancing the ideals of that great organization.

IN RECOGNITION OF SADIE M. CURRY

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Sadie M. Curry, who is being recognized this weekend for her lifetime achievement. Ms. Curry retired in 1999 after 41 years as a science teacher in Talladega, Alabama.

From the beginning of her teaching career, Ms. Curry received commendations for her teaching. She was named Teacher of the Year for Talladega County even as early as 1960; first designated as Outstanding Elementary Teacher of the year in 1972; and named Teacher of the Year for Talladega Middle School in 1984. She continued to receive the honor of Teacher of the Year for Dixon Middle School, the school from which she retired, throughout the 1990's. She was named as a Finalist in the Jacksonville State University Hall of Fame Teacher of the Year competition in 1985 and again in 1995 and 1996. Further, she was nominated as Alabama State Teacher of the Year three times.

Sadie Curry was deeply involved in teaching science to her students. She became the Coordinator of the Local Science Fair in 1972 and continued in this position through 1994. She also served as Director of the Northeast Alabama International Science and Engineering Fair from 1982–1985. She was honored by the Environmental Protection Agency for her teaching unit on "Learning to Love Trees," and received the Talladega Scientist of the Year Award in 1985. She was honored by the American Society of Microbiology for Aspiring American Youth in 1984 and in that same year received a \$500 mini-grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to assist teachers in the teaching and promotions of science, technology and energy in the classroom. In 1994, she won the Cata-

lyst Award for Excellence in Science Teaching by the National Chemical Manufacturers Association. In 1995, she and three of her students traveled to Washington, D.C. for the 15th Annual National Recognition Ceremonies for the Youth Awards Program Energy Education.

Her instruction in science included conservation. For this, she was nominated as Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1984 and was named as Conservation Teacher of the Year in 1997. Dixon Middle School was the winner of the Alabama State Campus Cleanup Program in 1996, the 3rd place winner in 1998 and the winner of the Alabama People Against a Littered State Cleanup Campus Award in 1997.

However, Ms. Curry's quality as a teacher has gone far beyond her instruction in science. She cares deeply about her students. Her energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and she has challenged her students to be the best that they can be. They have learned to respect their environment and one another. It is said that the measure of a person's worth is in the effect he has on others. Ms. Curry's worth can be seen in the effect she has had on the many students she has taught and the very fact that many are returning for her tribute this weekend. In her honor there is now a Sadie M. Curry Outstanding Science Award at Dixon Middle School. For the next twenty years, an outstanding science student will have his name engraved on a plaque displayed at the school.

A TRIBUTE TO SIGNAL HILL
POLICE OFFICER LARRY MORRIS

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, today the City of Signal Hill pays tribute to senior police officer Larry Morris, an outstanding police officer who selflessly dedicated himself to protecting children from the dangers of gangs and drugs.

The list of Larry's contributions to the community is a long and distinguished one. He was the father of Signal Hill's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education, and Training) programs. Larry was a remarkable teacher of these programs in all the local elementary schools. Children were naturally drawn to his sincere, caring ways. When he walked through a school, the children would surround him, just to give him a hug. Larry deeply cared about these young people, and truly made a difference in so many of their lives.

Among his many contributions to our community, Larry served in the Signal Hill Police Department from 1972 to 1998. He worked in patrol, investigations, K–9, and field training. For the last ten years of his career Larry dedicated himself to the youth of the community. He was an originating member of the Operation Jumpstart Mentoring program and the Signal Hill juvenile crime stoppers. He also created the Signal Hill Juvenile Diversion program, was an advisor to the Signal Hill Police Department Explorer Post, and a selector for the R.M. Pyles Boys Camp program.

On October 10, 1999, Larry lost his battle with cancer. As a fitting tribute, on October 14, 2000, the City of Signal Hill and the Signal Hill

Police Department dedicated the city's community youth center as the "Larry Morris Community Youth Center."

Mr. Speaker, we struggle to express feelings of grief, sorrow and appreciation for this fine officer who gave so much to his community and was taken from us far too early in life. The youth center bearing Larry's name will allow his legacy to live on in the minds and hearts of our children, and our community, for many generations to come. I shall always remember Larry with a smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He cared and he served and saved many of the youth of Signal Hill.

ON THE DEATH OF REV. JESSE
TAYLOR

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 19, 2000

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a man who was devoted not only to serving the Lord, but to the people around him as well. The Reverend Jesse Taylor of Chicago, died on April 22, 2000. The passing of Reverend Taylor may have indeed been a sad moment for those who shared his life; but the subsequent celebration of the life he lived was a joyous occasion for all. In fact, when I was asked to speak at the home-going services of Reverend Taylor there were not enough words for me to begin to describe the full and virtuous life that he lived. This man lived and breathed all that life had to offer him.

To describe Reverend Taylor is to describe a man who was after God's own heart. He was called into the ministry at the early age of nineteen and from there served as the Assistant Pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, Illinois where he served for over twenty-eight years.

By 1969, he was named Pastor of that same church where he faithfully served for seventeen years. In 1986, Rev. Taylor became the pastor, counselor, teacher, and friend of Greater Love M.B. Church where he served the Lord and his community until his last breath. Rev. Taylor was the Financial Secretary to both the North Woodrider District and the Illinois State Convention. He also was a member of the National Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Congress along with the National Missionary Baptist Convention of America. In addition to being a pastor, Rev. Taylor was a loyal husband of sixty-five years; and to his eight children, a loving father.

I stand before you honoring this wonderful man who represents what we should all strive to be—loving, dedicated, and steadfast not only to oneself, but to all of humankind. The Reverend Jesse Taylor, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13)." Thank you for your life of service. Reverend Taylor lived until the ripe old age of ninety-two and preached his last sermon just a few months before this death.